



MGB'S ROLE IN LGU SUPPORT IN EXTRACTIVE MONITORING AND REPORTING

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Section 8 of CDAO No.

Subject to Section 8 of the Act and pursuant to the Local Government Code and other pertinent laws, the LGUs shall have the following roles in mining projects within their respective jurisdictions:

Public Hearing for the Proposed Taganito Mining Project of Taganito Mining Corporation (TMC) on September 4, 2024, at Taganito Cultural and Sports Center.



A. To ensure that relevant laws on public notice, public consultation and public participation are complied with;

B.

In coordination with the Bureau/Regional Office(s) and subject to valid and existing mining rights, to approve applications for small scale mining, sand and gravel, quarry, guano, gemstone gathering and gratuitous permits and for industrial sand and gravel permits not exceeding five (5) hectares;



Ceremonial Acceptance and Signing of the Declaration of Minahang Bayan of Gacub Settlers Multi-Purpose Cooperative (GSMPC) on July 30, 2024 at the Provincial Learning Center, GDOP Government Center in Barangay Patin-ay, Municipality of Prosperidad, Province of Agusan del Sur.

C.

To receive their share as provided for by law in the wealth generated from the utilization of mineral resources and thus enhance economic progress and national development;



Taganito Mining Corporation officials turn over PHP72.2 representing its 2024 local business tax and other regulatory fees to the Claver local government in Surigao del Norte on Jan. 19, 2024

D. To facilitate the process by which the community shall reach an informed decision on the social acceptability of a mining project as a requirement for securing an ECC;



Mines and Geosciences Bureau Regional Office No. XIII, in cooperation with the Provincial Government of Dinagat Islands, conducted the Public Hearing for the Disestablishment of the 402.8-hectare Provincial Government Center from the Mineral Reservation on March 27 to 28, 2023 at Barangays Wilson and Cuarinta, Municipality of San Jose and Barangay Doña Helene, Municipality of Basilisa in the Province of Dinagat Islands.



Mines and Geosciences Bureau ROXIII attended the Public Hearing conducted by Silangan Mindanao Mining Company, Inc. (SMMCI) on October 14, 2015 at the Municipal Gymnasium in Tubod, Surigao del Norte. As one of the steps included in Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process, the public hearing is a requirement in SMMCI's application for an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) for their Silangan Copper-Gold Project. Representatives from different government agencies like Department of Agrarian Reform, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Education, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples and local government units (LGUs) were present.

E. To participate in the monitoring of any mining activity as a member of the Multipartite Monitoring Team referred to in Section 185 hereof;



MMT Inspections at the different mining companies in Caraga Region

F. To participate as a member of the Mine Rehabilitation Fund (MRF) Committee as provided for in Sections 182 to 187 hereof;



MGB ROXII conducts Capacity Building Seminar-Workshop for Caraga Mining Industry's Mine Rehabilitation Fund Committee and Multi-Partite Monitoring Team.

G.

To be the recipient of social infrastructure and community development projects for the utilization of the host and neighboring communities in accordance with Chapter XIV hereof;



NAC-Taganito Mining Corp. teams up with Taganito HPAL Nickel Corp. for the construction of the Php 130M-worth Claver Community Hospital. The historic groundbreaking and MOA signing was held on May 16, 2024.



Taganito NHS, TMC inaugurate new Php 18.5-M school building. As part of its Social Development and Management Program for barangay Taganito, Taganito Mining Corporation turned over today the P18.5M-worth two-story, four-classroom school building to Taganito National High School for their senior high classes.

H. To act as mediator between the ICCs and the Contractor(s) as may be requested;






Claver Sectoral Tribal Council (CLASTRICO), a group of Manobo indigenous peoples (IPs), assembled at the TMC-THPAL haulage road with no intention of hampering Taganito Mining Corporation's (TMC) operations but to raise their concerns to the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) regarding their claim of recognition of ancestral domain in Claver, Surigao del Norte pending with the NCIP. Further, with them is Vice Mayor of Surigao City, Atty. Alfonso Casurra who acted as mediator.

I. To coordinate with the Department and Bureau in the implementation of the Act and these implementing rules and regulations in their respective jurisdictions. In areas covered by the Southern Philippines Council for Peace and Development, Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao and future similar units, the appropriate offices of said units shall coordinate with the Department and Bureau in the implementation of the Act and these implementing rules and regulations; and



Project Transform at Siargao Island last June 23, 2023 with different stakeholders and mining companies in the region

J. To perform such other powers and functions as may be provided for by applicable laws, rules and regulations.

 <p>Republic of the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU Regional Office No. XIII Km. 2 National Highway, Surigao City Tel. No. (+6386) 826-5254; Fax No. (+6386) 826-1058 E-mail: info@mgbr13.ph</p> <p>CERTIFIED TRUE COPY Mine Management Division JUL 11 2024</p> <p>IN RE: ILLEGAL SMALL-SCALE MINING AND MINERAL PROCESSING ACTIVITIES AT SITIO FILE, BARANGAY. MAT-I, SURIGAO CITY, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE.</p> <p>-----X-----</p> <p>CEASE AND DESIST ORDER</p> <p>WHEREAS, Section 8 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, states that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is the primary government agency responsible for the conservation, management and proper use of the State's mineral resources including those in reservations, watershed areas and lands of the public domain.</p>	 <p>Republic of the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU Regional Office No. XIII Km. 2 National Highway, Surigao City Tel. No. (+6386) 826-5254; Fax No. (+6386) 826-1058 E-mail: info@mgbr13.ph</p> <p>IN RE: ILLEGAL PLACER GOLD MINING ACTIVITY SITUATED AT BARANGAY LOBO, MUNICIPALITY OF CANTILAN, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR</p> <p>-----X-----</p> <p>CEASE AND DESIST ORDER</p> <p>WHEREAS, Section 8 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, states that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is the primary government agency responsible for the conservation, management and proper use of the State's mineral resources including those in reservations, watershed areas and lands of the public domain.</p>	 <p>Republic of the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU Regional Office No. XIII Km. 2 National Highway, Surigao City Tel. No. (+6386) 826-5254; Fax No. (+6386) 826-1058 E-mail: info@mgbr13.ph</p> <p>IN RE: ILLEGAL SMALL-SCALE MINING OPERATIONS AND MINERAL PROCESSING SITUATED AT TAGNOKON SITIO KASAGAYAN, BARANGAY PANGAYLAN IP, MUNICIPALITY OF SANTIAGO, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE</p> <p>-----X-----</p> <p>CEASE AND DESIST ORDER</p> <p>WHEREAS, Section 8 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, states that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is the primary government agency responsible for the conservation, management, development and proper use of the State's mineral resources including those in reservations, watershed areas and lands of the public domain.</p>
<p>WHEREAS, Section 9 of RA No. 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, states that the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) shall be the line bureau primarily responsible for the implementation of the Act pursuant to Section 100 thereof.</p> <p>Whereas, on January 12, 2024, the MGB received a letter from DENR – Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) of Surigao del Norte requesting a complaint of a certain Mr. Arsenio J. Congayo regarding small-scale mining activity at Sitio File, Brgy. Mat-I, Surigao del Norte.</p> <p>WHEREAS, on January 24, 2024, a composite team from the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Regional Office No. XIII Embedded Personnel to the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO)-Tubay and CENRO-embedded personnel from City ENRO-Surigao City, conducted an investigation and/or observations of the Team, among others, are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. Arsenio J. Congayo, the complainant, stated that he is the one who placed the illegal small-scale mining activity on his father's land and he is the one who placed the complaint because the illegal activity did not seek his permission. He stated that the area of their land is 24 has. Upon his investigation, he found individuals allegedly engaged in mining activity on the property. Although he initially called for DENR PENRO-Surigao City, he eventually decided to seek assistance from the Barangay Captain of Mat-I, Surigao City.  <p>*MINING SHALL BE PRO-PEOPLE AND PRO-ENVIRONMENT IN SUSTAINING WEALTH CREATION AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE.*</p>	 <p>Republic of the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU Regional Office No. XIII Km. 2 National Highway, Surigao City Tel. 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Issuance of Cease and Desist Order (CDO) to all illegal small-scale and large-scale mining in the region.



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